

REMARKS

The following remarks are prepared in response to the Final Office Action of March 16, 2010. Claims 1-4, 7-9, 11 and 16-17 have been cancelled. Claims 5, 6, 10, 12-15 and 18-21 remain pending, after entry of this amendment. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 5, 6, 10, 12-15 and 18-21 are allowed and patentable over the art of record. In light of Applicant's cancellation of Claims 1, 2 and 7-9, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims have been allowed and requests the claims be passed to issuance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Vincent et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,658,298). Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 2, 7 and 9 in order to expedite prosecution and without regard to their patentability. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications based on the present disclosure. Applicant respectfully requests the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Meltsch* (U.S. Pat. No. 4,442,153). Applicant has cancelled Claim 8 in order to expedite prosecution and without regard to its patentability. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications based on the present disclosure. Applicant respectfully requests the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and an expedited notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions with regards to this response, or if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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